

SUBCHAPTER H—PROCUREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS OTHER THAN PATENTS

PART 601—PROCUREMENT OF PROPERTY AND SERVICES

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Section 552(a) of title 5, U.S.C., relating to public information requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, provides in pertinent part that “* * * matter reasonably published in the FEDERAL REGISTER when incorporated by reference therein with the approval of the Director of the Federal Register.” In conformity with that provision, with 39 U.S.C. section 410(b)(1), and as provided in this part, the U.S. Postal Service hereby incorporates by reference its Procurement Manual (PM), Publication 41, a looseleaf publication.

§ 601.101 Effective date.

The provisions of the Procurement Manual are applicable, effective June 1, 1988, with respect to all covered procurement activities of the Postal Service. However, the Procurement Manual is being implemented on the following phased basis: Headquarters Office of Procurement and Office of Design and Construction Management—June 1, 1988; Mail Processing Department—July 1, 1988; Procurement and Material Management Service Centers and Service Offices, U.S. Postal Service Field Divisions, Facilities Service Centers and Facilities Service Offices—August 1, 1988. During the implementation phase procurement actions will be ac-

complished in accordance with policies prescribed either in the Postal Contracting Manual or the Procurement Manual, depending upon the implementation schedule established for an individual procurement entity.

§ 601.102 Applicability and coverage.

(a) The Procurement Manual applies to all Postal Service procurements of property and services.

(b) When fully effective, the Procurement Manual supersedes the Postal Contracting Manual.

§ 601.103 Content of Procurement Manual.

The Procurement Manual consists of 12 chapters and 6 appendices, as follows:

(a) Chapter 1—Authority, Responsibility, and Policy—covers general procurement policies, including the delegation of procurement authority and responsibility.

(b) Chapter 2—Procurement Planning—establishes requirements and procedures for advance procurement planning including source selection plans, and policies regarding specifications and statements of work.

(c) Chapter 3—Sources—covers sources of supplies and services and their priority, including Postal Service sources, other Government agencies, and commercial sources. It establishes requirements for publicizing procurements and covers matters regarding contractor qualifications.

(d) Chapter 4—Purchasing Methods—covers competitive purchasing procedures, including solicitation, evaluation of proposals, price negotiation, and contractor selection. It includes simplified procedures for purchases below certain dollar ceilings and establishes limitations on noncompetitive purchasing. It sets forth rules for filing and considering protests against Postal Service contracting procedures and awards.